

SATURDAY, SEPT 15, 1900

Reaching a Decision.

When a case has been submitted to the supreme court, the justices are furnished with a printed copy of the record and of each brief filed, and are expected to study them at their homes before the case is taken up for consideration. The importance of the case and the intricacy of the points involved often extend the discussion over several days, and sometimes months. The discussion being concluded the chief justice ealls the roll, and each justice who has heard the argument votes his opinion. Then the chief justice assigns some one, generally the justice who has taken the most interest in the subject, to prepare the opinion, which is privately printed and handed to the other members of the court for criticism. After examination they return it to the author with such comments as occur to them. The author often adopts their suggestions, or they may become the subject of another conference, and are sustained or overruled as the majority may determine. The opinion is then reprinted and read from the bench by its author on the following Monday .-Chicago Record.

Enameling the Skin.

Enameling the skin is an art. One famous actress was known to have worn an enameled neck, which was said to have been made of celluloid. The new enamel of vegetable wax, tinted with aniline dyes, is far superior to celluloid. On a recent festive occasion at Cape May a man of 40, who had married a girl half his age, astonished his new acquaintances by the beauty of his complexion. The texture of the skin was as soft as satin. He experienced no inconvenience, except that he could not smile. Laughing was practicable, because he laughed with his mouth wide open; but the enamel restrained all facial expression, save with the eyes and lips. This enamel is made of a vegetable wax gathered from a Chinese tree. It is spread upon the face and worked in with a roller made of soft rubber. The enamel face may be washed with soap and water with impunity, the color being only removed by an application of alcohol.-Philadelphia Record.

Fun for the Court.

A prolix and pompous Missouri lawyer defending an ebony negro, was selecting a jury of white men. He had asked numberless needless questions, when the judge said: "Come, now, Mr. C—, you will be examining the jurors' teeth next. Hurry along. Let's get through with this nonsense." "Well," said the lawyer, "just one more general question. Are any of you in any way related to the defendant at the bar?" Another Missouri attorney, in a divorce suit, set up in the wife's cross bill the fact that the husband "undertook to poison her without just cause."-Case and Comment.

When Brosius Speaks in Whispers. Marriott Brosius, congressman from the Tenth district of Pennsylvania, has a voice that is famous.

Not long ago a member of the house was passing out of the front door of the capitol with a friend when they heard a crash behind them as of distant thunder. "What was that noise?" inquired

"I don't know," replied the con-

gressman, "unless it was Brosius whispering."-Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

A Regiment Mislaid.

Records of the war office provide many examples of the temporary disappearance of regiments abroad. They have disappeared from the war office annals, and it has taken weeks of telegraphing before their exact position has been located. The other day, however, a complete regiment disappeared from view in this country. The war office knew that it was somewhere between Bristol and Colchester, but whereabouts they were at a complete loss to know. Wires were sent to every possible position before they ultimately discovered it at some unexpected spot.-Sheffield

Fish Are Great Gluttons.

Fish are great gluttons. That is probably the reason why fine-looking bait tempt so many of them to destruction. A single blue fish has been known to kill and devour ten cod each as big as himself in rapid succession. Birds are also blessed with fine appetites. The robin can easily devour two-thirds of his weight in earth worms in a day, and the ordinary pigeon can get away with his own weight in grain between sunrise and sunset and then go to sleep

Brock, in Holland, is far famed as the "neatest town in the world." This town is so fastidious that until a few years ago horses were not allowed in its streets, for reasons of cleanliness, and the entire town is as scrupulous ly kept as a man-of-war. It is village of 2,700 inhabitants, the main industry of which is the making of Edam cheeses,-N. Y. Sun.

Interrupted.

"Eliza, you'll never again get me out at four o'clock to cut the grass." "David, I wanted you to do it before

it got hot." "Well, Eliza, it got hot in just three minutes. I hadn't cut five strokes before the people on both sides of us threw two bird cages and four alarm clocks at me."-Detroit Free . Press.

Looking for News. L England is looking up new names

for its Boer conquests. "Chamber lainia" and "Robertsland" are suggested by the St. James' Gazette, which, however, would prefer something made up from the name of the future ruler of England, Edward VII.

The Monkfish and the Dog. A monkfish made a quick meal of

an Eastpo-t dog the other noon and was captured a short time later near one of the sardine factory wharves. Very few monkfish are seen in Passamaquoddy bay, but at different times they are found of large size and have been known to come to the surface suddenly and gobble up any sea bird that happens to be on the water. They are among the homeliest fish that are found along the neighboring coast, the mouth being unusually large, and fishermen have known them to swallow objects nearly as large as themselves. In appearance they resemble a big sculpin, and the one killed here Friday came in for a full share of attention from the many spectators on the wharf. The unfortunate dog was enjoying a swim along the water front, watched by his owner and a party of friends, when without warning the monkfish came to the surface with open mouth and the dog went down without much of a fight for his life. Later in the day some boys were spearing flounders in shallow water when they saw the odd-looking fish below, and with a boat-hook soon gathered it in. The dog was found inside, but was considerably mangled by the saw-like teeth of the fish, and it was noticed that the dog was nearly as large as the entire monkfish.

Jacob's Well.

Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

At the foot of Mount Gerizim, in northern Palestine, is a rock-hewn well nine feet in diameter and 75 feet or more deep, which is traditionally held to be the ancient well of the patriarch Jacob, and the same by which Jesus sat and conversed with a woman of Samaria. In very ancient times a church are. was built over this well. Though destroyed during the wars of the Crusades, the ruins are still traceable. All circumstances concur with the universal tradition to identify this well as the one spoken of in the sacred history. The depth of the water at the present day varies greatly, sometimes there being a depth of several feet and another time the well being almost dry "No scene of these ancient incidents, says a writer, "is more clear and interesting than this. It is impossible not to see His very gestures when He spoke than the majority of that kind." of 'this mountain'-the Gerizim, which rose above Him-and when He bade His hearers lift up their eyes and look a fortune upon them he gives his titled on the fields, already 'white unto the harvest,' the tilled lands of Jacob's plain which stretched before Him."

A Clever Fraud.

An impudent fraud was perpetrated upon a Manchester bank by one of its customers, who opened an account with some few hundred pounds. The man, after a few weeks, drew two checks, each within a pound or so of his balance, and, selecting a busy day, presented himself at one end of the counter, while an accomplice, when he saw that his friend's check had been cashed, immediately presented his own to a cashier at the other end. Both cashiers referred the checks to the ledger clerk, who, thinking the same cashier had asked him twice, said "right" to both checks. The thieves were never caught .- N.

His Watches Not Chronometers.

i-Bannerman has a mania for watch-making. The watch he carries he has made entirely himself. Most of his personal friends at some time or other have received a present from him of a "Bannermanmade watch." The time kept by Sir Henry's watches, however, is some-times erratic. Lord Salisbury remarked laughingly to one of his brother peers, who had occasion to ask him the time: "What time do you want? 'London time' or 'Bannerman time?"-N. Y. Sun.

An Ideal Village.

The Dalecarlian village of Orsa seems to offer advantages as a place of residence to persons of small incomes. The municipality owns extensive forest lands, and by the judicious sale of some of them the village has a revenue of about \$75,000 a year. The inhabitants pay no taxes of any kind. A first-rate education is provided for their children without the cost of a penny .- N. Y. Sun.

The Awe-inspiring Flunkey. When Queen Victoria was at Balmoral, some time ago, she visited an aged cottager, and, on leaving her, said: "You will now no longer be afraid of me, and I shall expect you to pay me a visit." "Ah, ma'am," she replied, "it's not yerself I'm frightened at; it's them grand servants."-Little Chronicle.

Safety of the Mails.

Out of 17,000,000 pieces of registered mail handled annually in the United States, the loss has been only onethousandth of one per cent., and in the transmission of ordinary letters the loss is but seven-thousandths of one per cent.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Mean Human Nature.

"Jones always wants his vacation the last man in the office.'

"What's that for?" "He gets a keen relish out of the fact that we are all working with norman, to look forward to while he is joyously idle."-Detroit Free Press.

Earthquakes in a Year.

At the seismological observatory of Quarto, near Florence, observations of more than 170 earthquakes were made in the year beginning November 1, 1898, and ending October 31,

Fruit and Shade from One Tree. Common and beautiful in the tropics is the mango tree. Of all fruits none is relished more by the natives. It is at the same time a magnificent shade tree.-Chicago Times-Herald.

Green Diamond a Rare Gem. One of the rarest gems in Queen Vietoria's collection is a green diamond of marvelous beauty. It has never been set .- Chicago Chronicle.

The sun shines not on all alike, I'll wager all my shekels;

For some it very kindly tans And some it meanly freckles

Her Object Attained. "Forgive me, my dear," said the gos sip, humbly, "but I thoughtlessly men tioned to Mrs. Brown the things that

you told me in strict confidence. "There is nothing to forgive," replied the wise woman, pleasantly. "It was for that very purpose that I told them to you in strict confidence."-Chicago

His Mistake. Percy-I made a big mistake when I asked old Gotrox for his daughter's hand, and told him I was descended from King Alfred the Great!

Ferdy-Hew was that?

Percy-Why, he said so was his fam-

ily, and he didn't believe in marriage

between blood relations!-Puck.



Mr. A .- It is astonishing how much alike in appearance the Miller twins They always dress alike, drink the same kind of wine and beer-Mr. B .- Yes, and each of them owes me 60 marks!-Fliegende Blaetter.

"It should be happiness," she said,
"For you to earn our daily bread."
Her husband raised his tired head.
"It is not this, my dearest dear,
"That dearns," That draws me nearer to my bier. It is the frosted cake, I fear. -Town Topics.

Only Wise Plan.

"Her marriage seems to be happier "Yes, and it's all owing to the wisdom of her father. Instead of settling son-in-law an allowance that is to cease if they ever separate."

"Oh, I see. Instead of buying a husband for her he has secured one on a calary."-Chicago Post.

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